

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Son Nguyen-Kim et al.

Application No.: 10/541,157

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Art Unit: N/A

For: AMPHOLYTIC COPOLYMER AND USE  
THEREOF

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Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed September 20, 2007 (Paper No. 6306), Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-29 for continued examination without traverse.

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I        Claims 1-29, drawn to a cosmetic or pharmaceutical composition.

Group II       Claims 30-35, drawn to an ampholytic copolymer.

The Examiner has further required an election of one disclosed species from each of the following groups.

Group I        The anionic monomer (a), inclusive of the various species expressed in claims 8-10.

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| Group II  | The cationic monomer (b), inclusive of the various monomers expressed in claim 12.  |
| Group III | The unsaturated amide group-containing monomer (c), inclusive of the various monomers expressed in claim 14.                    |
| Group IV  | The additional monomer (d), inclusive of the various disclosed monomers.  |
| Group V   | The component (g), inclusive of the various polymer species expressed in claim 6.   |
| Group VI  | A cosmetically acceptable carrier (B) and the additional additives, inclusive of the various species expressed in claims 27-28. |

In response to the election of species requirement, applicants hereby elect, without traverse, a composition having:

Monomer (a) being acrylic acid and/or methacrylic acid (claim 9);

Monomer (b) being dimethylaminopropylmethacrylamide;

Monomer (c) being N-vinylpyrrolidone;

Monomer (d) being ester  $\alpha,\beta$ -ethylenically unstatured acids with C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>-alkanols and C<sub>8</sub>-C<sub>30</sub>-alkanediols;

Component (g) being polyether acrylate; and

Carrier (B) being water.

Applicants believe no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775, under Order No. 13111-00023-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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